

South Dakota Risk Pool Governing Board Minutes
Governors Small Conference Room or Via Teleconference
Thursday March 16, 2006

The joint meeting of the South Dakota Risk Pool Board began shortly after 8:30 a.m. The meeting began with a Welcome from Kevin Forsch highlighting the meetings activities.

Chairman Kevin Forsch, Vice- Chair Jerry Hofer, Mr. Larry Iversen, Mr. Eric Hales, and Mr. Randy Moses were present for board members. Janet Griffin and Dave Hewett were present via conference call. Also in attendance were Dei Molitor, Bureau of Personal and Melissa Kusser, Division of Insurance.

The first item of business was an appeal to the board relative to the enrollment effective date, which resulted in the board upholding the administrator's decision unanimously. The motion was made by Mr. Moses with a second from Mr. Hales.

The second item on the agenda was in regards to the upcoming Interim Rules Meeting. The Rules Review Committee will be meeting on May 16, 2006. The Division of Insurance will be presenting two rules on behalf of the risk pool board. The board has set a hearing date for the rules on April 20th at the beginning of the Risk Pool Governing Board and Advisory Panel Joint meeting. The rules will cover the subjects of Risk Pool cooperation in the form of payment of deductibles and co pays for enrollees. It will also cover residency requirements for application to the risk pool.

Chairman Forsch then asked for a motion in regards to the meeting minutes from the prior two meetings. Vice Chair Hofer made a motion for approval with a second coming from Mr. Iversen. Motion carried and the minutes were approved.

Chairman Forsch spoke on Public Meeting requirements that had recently been brought to his attention. He provided the group with a handout that discussed specifics in manner to the risk pool. Chairman Forsch asked for a clarification in what should be posted in the risk pool minutes in regards to board appeals.

Chairman Forsch then went on to speak about the outcome of 2006 Legislation. He praised the group for the teamwork and effort that took place to make SB 200 and SB 201 a success. The group discussed what steps will need to be taken to make the transition on July 1. Ms. Molitor will be sending out a notification prior to the April 20th joint meeting to establish work groups. Mr. Moses will be in touch with the Division's contact at CMS to receive further information on the federal funding available via HR 4519.

Chairman Forsch advised the board that Legislature approved an additional \$100,000 to the state's share of funding for the risk pool effective July 1, 2006.

Mr. Hales and Ms. Molitor spoke to the board in reference to administration reports. They reported that risk pool enrollment had risen somewhat of late and was not certain at this time what the increase was accredited to. They will be providing reports at the joint

board meeting with hopes of showing a trend on why enrollees are applying, length of stay on the pool, and a breakdown of ages on the pool.

Ms. Molitor provided the board with a handout displaying pertinent facts to the thought of health screenings for enrollees. The cost of the screenings would approximately cost \$41.70. The board made an informal decision that they did not believe this would be beneficial to the pool or enrollees at this time given that there is a mandatory disease management program in effect for virtually all enrollees.

The board also discussed mandatory pill splitting. Ms. Molitor and Mr. Hales will be putting together a "Pill Splitting Plan Document" that the board will review before making any further considerations on this subject.

Mr. Hales spoke briefly on the Risk Pool Financial Report. Ms. Griffin and Mr. Moses will be assessing the report with their internal departments for possible ways to display this information more clearly.

The board briefly discussed what deadlines were coming upon them. Ms. Kusser will be reviewing previous minutes to make certain all old business has been addressed. Information discussed included the updating of plan documents, deductible deadlines, actuarial information and posting information to the Risk Pool Website.

The next joint board and advisory panel meeting will be April 20, 2006 at 10:00 am in the Governors Large Conference Room, Capitol Building.

A motion was made by Mr. Moses to adjourn around 10:30 am and a second was made by Mr. Hales.